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**MEMORANDUM OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN DC  
AND MR. DON PRYOR OF THE CLEVELAND WORLD AFFAIRS  
COUNCIL**

STAT The Director spoke with Mr. Don Pryor of the Cleveland World Affairs Council re the invitation extended by the Council for Mr. Dulles to address them sometime during the month of May of this year. The Director told Mr. Pryor that he had had a long talk the other evening with [ ] at which time he had told him that at the moment he felt it was unwise to do a lot of talking in view of the coming elections and the Summit meeting. Also that he was pretty well committed during the next few weeks with several speeches at Service schools, etc.

Mr. Pryor said he certainly understood the Director's position and agreed that his decision was probably a wise one, though the Council was most anxious to have him speak to them. Mr. Dulles then told Mr. Pryor that he thought very highly of the Council, that he followed their work closely, and that he had spoken to them in the Thirties. Mr. Pryor said he had noted this in the records, but that he himself had gone out to Cleveland from Washington and joined the Council only a year and a half ago. Mr. Dulles said that he would keep the invitation of the Council in mind, and if a time came when he felt he had something to say, he would be in touch with them, and appear before them. He said he could notify them about three weeks ahead of time, and Mr. Pryor said this would be ample time. The Director then asked Mr. Pryor to drop him a line telling him where he could get in touch with him, and this Mr. Pryor said he would do.

Mr. Pryor thanked Mr. Dulles for calling and the Director again expressed his regret at not being able to accept the Council's invitation, and the conversation ended.

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cc: Colonel Grogan  
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